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SUBJ: AMERICAN ECONOMISTS TRAVELLING IN EUROPE.

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1. TREASURY DOES NOT BELIEVE IT IS IN A POSITION TO ASSIST GERMAN ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTES BEYOND FACILITIES ALREADY AVAILABLE THROUGH USIS VOLUNTARY SPEAKERS PROGRAM. USIS MAINTAINS A LIST OF ACADEMICIANS AND SPECIALISTS TRAVELLING ABROAD UNDER U.S.G. SPONSORSHIP WHICH IS AVAILABLE THROUGH EMBASSY'S CULTURAL ATTACHE. TO THE EXTENT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, USIS ALSO MAINTAINS A LIST OF THOSE TRAVELLING ABROAD WITHOUT U.S.G. SPONSORSHIP.

2. APART FROM USIS FACILITIES, HEADS OF U.S. ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS AND U.S. OFFICERS OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES HELD IN EUROPE MAY ALSO BE IN A POSITION TO FURNISH NAMES OF U.S. ECONOMISTS TRAVELLING TO EUROPE. WE HAVE CONTACTED A SMALL SAMPLE AND RECEIVED FAVORABLE RESPONSES FROM THE FOLLOWING (ALTHOUGH THEY HAD NO NAMES TO SUGGEST AT THIS TIME):

A. DR. THOMAS F. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, AM. ENTERPRISE INST. FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH, 1150 - 17TH ST., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036.

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ST., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036.

3. A THIRD INSTITUTION REP HAD UNFAVORABLE REACTION ON GROUNDS THAT MOST LEADING ECONOMISTS TRAVEL ABROAD ON TIGHT SCHEDULES. HE DID, HOWEVER, SUGGEST THAT PROFS. RUGGLES (YALE) AND MACHLUP (PRINCETON), WHO ARE ACTIVE IN ORGANIZING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, MIGHT BE HELPFUL -- A SEPTEMBER MEETING IN HUNGARY OF THE INT. ASSN. OF RESEARCH ON INCOME AND WEALTH WAS MENTIONED.

4. GERMAN INSTITUTES WOULD PROBABLY FIND DIRECT CONTACT WITH U.S. ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS AMERICAN ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION, AND INDIVIDUALS MOST EFFICIENT APPROACH. IF COORDINATED WITH EMBASSY, TREASURY OR CULTURAL ATTACHE, USIS WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED. ROGERS

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